

Article - Public Safety

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(a) The Board shall coordinate the operation and maintenance of a Statewide Public Safety Interoperability Radio System.

(b) The Board's responsibilities include:

(1) establishing standard operating procedures, quality of service standards, and maintenance guidelines for the System;

(2) establishing working groups of the System's users, including:

(i) a System Managers Committee to advise on technical system issues, such as upgrades, security, and enhancements; and

(ii) a System Users Committee to advise on operational issues, such as standard operating procedures, performance, and usage of resources;

(3) approving the addition of new System users and the removal of existing users;

(4) coordinating participatory, collaborative, or reciprocal relationships with local governments, including establishing procedures for:

(i) requests to become part of the System by local governmental entities;

(ii) collaboration or sharing in the purchase, operation, or use of equipment or by the System infrastructure currently used by local governmental entities; and

(iii) review and approval of any requests or arrangements sought under this item;

(5) resolving any conflicts among System users relating to the operation, maintenance, or improvement of the System that cannot be resolved under the standard operating procedures;

(6) reviewing the annual cost estimation provided by the Director of the Board;

(7) recommending to the Governor and the General Assembly funding and resource levels for System operation and maintenance;

(8) advising the Governor and General Assembly on resources needed for appropriate operation and expansion to meet service needs for public safety communications statewide; and

(9) negotiating agreements with federal agencies, surrounding states, or the District of Columbia for the use of the System.

(c) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Board shall continue to receive guidance and input from the bodies currently constituted under Executive Order 01.01.2008.07, including the Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) for as long as the Executive Order is in effect.

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